

Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format for Actions Other Than Hazardous Fuels and Fire Rehabilitation Actions

Project Name

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-AZ-CO10-2012-36-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Kingman Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: Oatman Nuisance Wild Burro Removal on Private land

Location of Proposed Action:

Black Mountain Herd Management Area, Oatman, Mohave County, Arizona.

T 19 North, R 20 West, Sec 14

Description of Proposed Action:

The removal of up to 5-10 nuisance wild burros would be conducted in the month of April, to June 2012. (See Map 1 on Page 3.)

Burros removed from private land in Oatman are enticed into a corral constructed on private property the night before they are picked up by BLM.

Background:

Approximately 10 burros reside in and around the immediate vicinity of Oatman, Arizona. The BLM has worked cooperatively with the town to maintain the herd at 10 burros per the Black Mountain Herd Management Plan of 1980. Annually Oatman shop owners request BLM to remove the current year's crop of foals. The foals are kept in town with their mother's until they are old enough to be weaned. BLM is currently working with the town to establish a program to maintain a healthy, viable heard.

Individuals and agencies (including those who have expressed issues with the burros) will be notified by phone calls, email, or face to face contact prior to any initial bait trapping of the burros.

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B. Land Use Plan Conformance

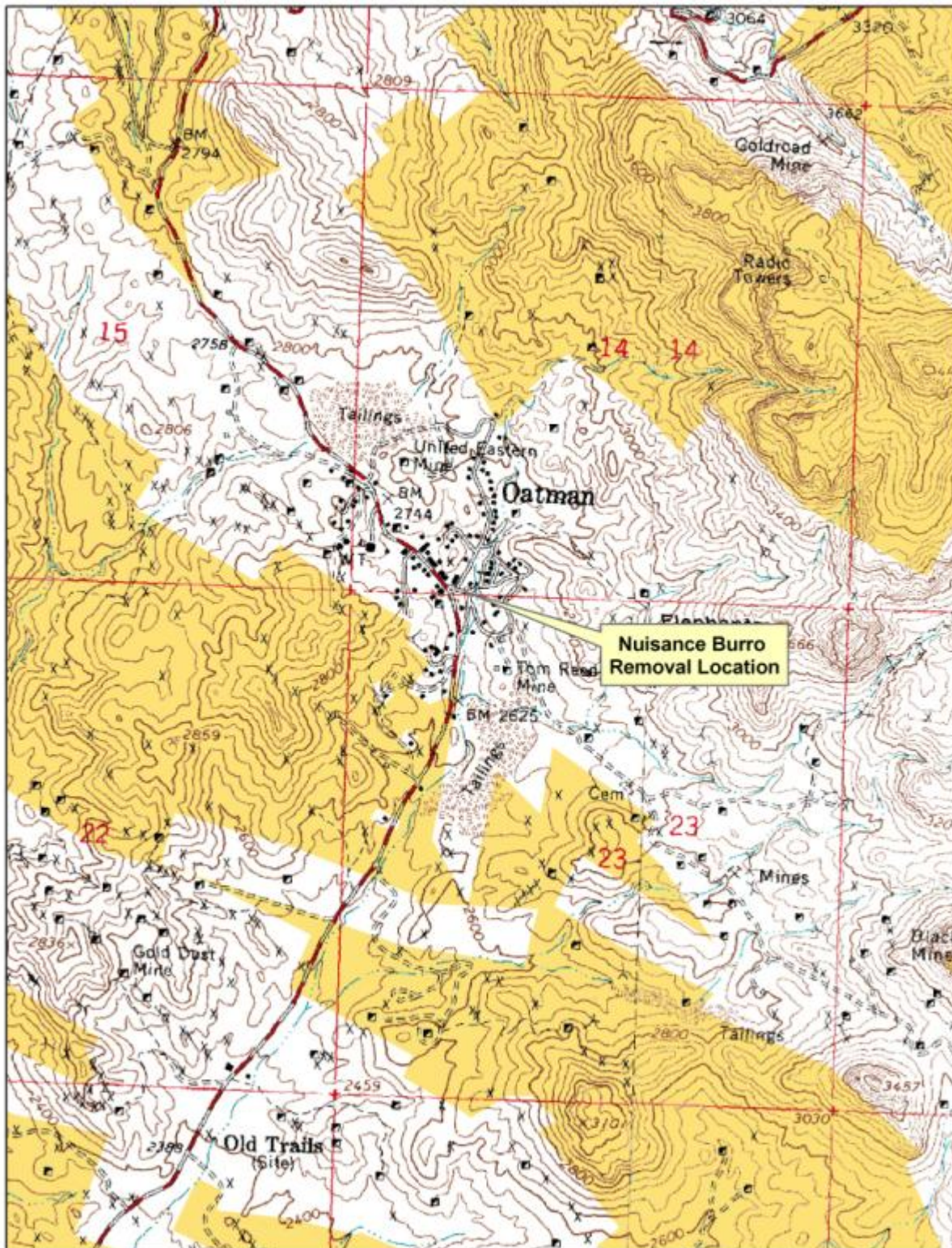
Land Use Plan (LUP) Name: *Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS*

Date Approved/Amended: March 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

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Map 1 (all areas are within the Black Mountain HMA)



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Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment (Yes or No with supporting rationale)
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	No, actually public safety will improve when burros are removed.
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988) national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	No. There would not be significant effects to migratory birds from the proposed action. The temporary baiting and trapping operation may cause birds to temporarily leave the area while people are scattering hay, setting traps, or collecting burros. These activities are expected to last from 15 minutes to 1 hour each time the trap is visited over the course of the project implementation.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	No
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about future actions with significant environmental effects.	No
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	No
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	No, there would be no affect to endangered or threatened species, or critical habitat as none is found within or adjacent to the project area.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	No
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	No
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	No

Approval and Decision

Attachment 2

Compliance and assignment of responsibility

Wild Horse and Burro Program Chad Benson

Monitoring and assignment of responsibility:

Wild Horse and Burro Program Chad Benson

Review: *We have determined that the proposal is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria and that it would not involve any significant environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review.*

Prepared by: / s / Chad Benson **Date:** 4/09/2012

Chad Benson
Project Lead

Reviewed by: / s / Ramone B. McCoy **Date:** 4/09/2012

Ramone McCoy
NEPA Coordinator

Reviewed by: / s / Don McClure **Date:** 4/09/2012

Don McClure
Supervisor

Project Description: The removal of 8-10 Burros would be conducted from April, through June, 2012. (See Map 1 on Page 3.)

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Decision: Based on a review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed.

Approved By: / s / Ruben A. Sanchez **Date:** 4/10/2012

Ruben Sanchez
Field Manager, Kingman Field Office